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RATON MAN SELECTED FOR HIGH POSITION

Marion Littrell, Sheriff of Colfax County Appointed Superintendent of Territorial Penitentiary by Acting Governor Reynolds.

Acting Governor Reynolds has appointed Marion Littrell, of this city, superintendent of the Territorial Penitentiary, vice Arthur Trelford, removed. The action came about principally as the result of certain charges of cruelty and ill treatment of convicts by Mr. Trelford. The matter has been the subject of investigation by Attorney General Prichard, whose report to the acting governor sustained the charges, after a careful and thorough investigation.

The news of Mr. Littrell's appointment reached here Saturday and he has since been showered with congratulations. Mr. Littrell left on Monday for Santa Fe to assume the duties of superintendent of the penitentiary. Mr. Littrell desires it to be known that he regards the appointment as a temporary one and subject

to the approval of the incoming governor, Hon. George Curry.

Marion Littrell is now serving his fifth consecutive term as sheriff of Colfax county, which position he has filled with the utmost satisfaction. That the appointment will meet with almost unanimous approval there is no doubt. He insists, however, that the appointment is but a temporary one, but his Colfax county friends, judging from his past record in the office of sheriff and the honesty and firmness, as well as excellent judgment shown in the discharge of his duties, that he will not be allowed to relinquish the office until he is too old to clasp another bracelet.

Jay Gale, who has been serving as deputy sheriff and jailor for several months past, will act as sheriff during the absence of Mr. Littrell in Santa Fe, or until further action may be taken by the incoming governor. Mr. Gale is well known throughout this section and there is no doubt as to his ability to assume and ably discharge the duties of the office.—Raton Range.

E. P. & S. W. Acquire Portions of Rock Island Tracks

Monday formal transfer was made by the Rock Island system to the El Paso and Southwestern system of the stretch of track between Santa Rosa and Tucumcari, N. M., over which it has been necessary to haul Southwestern cars in order to reach the Phelps-Dodge coal mines at Dawson. Southwestern trainmen and operators will go on at Santa Rosa and Tucumcari, but owing to the close relations between the two roads for a long time past, comparatively few changes will be made in the operating department of the track to be transferred.

Railroad men said to speak with authority are being quoted to the effect that the transfer of this track means the final abandonment of the proposed Phelps-Dodge Dawson cutoff, which has been surveyed from Dawson to a point on the Southwestern main line near Torrance. These

surveys, which had been approved and passed through Las Vegas, would have resulted in the opening of a large stretch of territory now only reached by trails and stage roads. It was said at the time the surveys were being made that it was a part of a plan to force the Rock Island to sell to the Southwestern. The sale has now been made and there seems to be reason for the statement that the cutoff has been abandoned. Trainmaster Lindsey will be in charge of the Santa Rosa-Tucumcari division.

Trinidad Defeats Pueblo.

Trinidad defeated the Pueblo Western League ball team in a well played game in the former city Tuesday afternoon by a score of 8 to 6. The defeat of the steelworkers was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a ball game in Trinidad and interest and excitement was at fever heat.

REAL ESTATE DEALS HOLD UP WELL

Realty Active as Ever and Market Shows No Sign of Decrease in Business—Several Entire Blocks Transferred.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the county clerk since the last issue:

Oct. 4, 1905—Reyes Coca de Archuleta to Santana Archuleta de Griego, lot 39, block 4, Maxwell East addition to Raton. Consideration \$85.

June 22—S. A. Wiseman to A. R. Davis, lots 13 to 18 inclusive, block 12, Park addition to Raton. Consideration \$240.

June 20—Hugo Seaberg to Mary A. Stephens, lots 11 and 12, block 31, Maxwell South addition to Raton. Consideration \$175.

June 3—S. A. Wiseman to Manuel Garcia, lots 1 and 2, block 4, Park addition to Raton. Consideration \$100.

June 24—Hattie E. Majors to Anna Bockway, lot 17 and south half of lot 18, block 4, original plat of Raton. Consideration \$3,000.

May 31—Fernando Sanchez to Hugh M. Rodrick, lots 5 and 6, block 48 of New Mexico Town company's first subdivision of Raton. Consideration \$375.

March 28—A. D. Hoenshel to Miss Martha Cooper, lots 15 and 16, block 35, original townsite of Raton. Consideration \$450.

May 31—Miss Martha Cooper to Bruce Williams, lots 15 and 16, block 35, original townsite of Raton. Consideration \$465.

Oct. 9, 1903—Dick Manta to B. Folkerts, 80 acres of land in township 27 north, range 22 east. Consideration \$1.

June 20—William Johnson to T. G. Gregory, 6 inches of north side of lot 10, block 1, Maxwell East addition to Raton. Consideration \$1.

June 25—Manuelita Trujillo to Manuel Sanchez, lot 18, block 6, Maxwell East addition to Raton. Consideration \$47.

June 22—S. A. Wiseman to Mrs. W. P. Stevens, all of block 3 and lots 13 to 20 inclusive, block 4, Park addition to Raton. Consideration \$950.

June 17—J. T. Hill to J. H. Gormley, lots 15 and 16, block north of block 16, Northside addition to Raton. Consideration \$200.

June 21—Elizabeth Sellers to John Hixenbaugh, 160 acres in township 23 north, range 21 east. Consideration \$250.

June 25—S. A. Wiseman to A. W. Allison, lots 19 and 20, block 12, Park addition to Raton. Consideration \$100.

June 15—R. E. Alldredge to J. W. Cunningham, 800 acres of land in township 25 north, range 22 east, known as the Model farm. Consideration \$2,000.

June 20—Hugo Seaberg to C. N.

Mrs. Ralph Platt, Formerly Of Manila, P. I., Visiting Raton

From the Raton Range.
Mrs. Ralph Platt, recently of Manila, Philippine Islands, is spending a few weeks in Raton, the guest of her brother, G. R. Fry, and is stopping at the Seaberg. Mrs. Platt left Manila about three months ago and before coming to Raton, visited in Kansas City and Colorado Springs. She has been here about a week and is much impressed with this city and its delightful climate.

Mrs. Platt who is the widow of the late Captain Ralph Platt, U. S. A., and the first judge advocate of the Philippines under American rule, is a lady of pleasing personality and talks interestingly of the improvement in conditions in the islands under American rule.

She resided in the Philippines some eight years and is quite conversant with the general situation existing there. She has also traveled extensively in Japan and other portions of the Orient and has met many of the important personages whose names were familiar during the Russo-Japanese war, and in fact was an eye witness of the sea fight that settled the destinies of Russia in the far East.

Her brother, Mr. Fry, has resided in Raton only a short time and is in the employ of the Santa Fe. He also was in the Philippines a year, as First Sergeant of Company M, First Nebraska regiment, during the late war with Spain. He served his country with distinction.

Cimarron Wins From Dawson.

An exciting game of ball was played at Dawson last Sunday afternoon between Cimarron and Dawson, and was won by Cimarron, the final score being 9 to 3 in their favor.

Cimarron rooters were there in force and it was a caution the way they rooted for their team. Everyone was in good spirits, especially on the return trip. Features of the game were the good pitching of Donovan and the heavy hitting of Brooks, Donovan, Curry and Diamond. Ira Duckworth made several good strikes.

The local fans are jubilant as a result of the game and are figuring on what they will do to Raton July 4.

The Cimarron line up was as follows: Brooks, c; Donovan, p; Fisher, lb; Livingston, ss; Diamond, 2b; Curry, 3b; Harlan, lf; Barr, cf; Duckworth, rf; Cook, umpire.

NEW BANK FOR CIMARRON.

The business men of Cimarron have found that their business interests require the services of an up-to-date banking house, as their ever increasing volume of business and the additional business of the many industries which have recently located here, can not be satisfactorily handled outside the city.

The Cimarron Improvement company, who it seems are always ready with a boost, have once more come to the front, and have started the excavating for a building which, when completed, will be one of the finest bank buildings in Colfax county. The specifications call for a building 50x60 feet, the foundation of which is to be of stone, and high enough to inclose a basement nine feet in height. The walls are to be solid brick with a roof of sheet metal.

The building will be two stories high, the ground floor being divided into two rooms, one of them being used as a bank. The second floor will be given over entirely for offices, which will be supplied with all modern conveniences, such as steam heat and city water. There will be no expense spared on the interior finishing, and the wood work will be entirely of hardwood, excepting the floors, which will be white pine of the finest quality. There will also be a fine steam heating plant installed in the basement.

We have not received advices as to who will handle the business, but have no doubt but what that part will be placed in competent hands.

The location is one of the most beautiful in the city, being just below the ball park, on the corner of Washington avenue and Ninth street, and within easy reach of all the principal business houses. We are much pleased with the prospects, as Cimarron has for some time been in great need of a thorough, and up-to-date banking house.

Marriages.

Velasquez-Sandoval—In Raton June 26, by Rev. J. W. Sienoe, Eleasio Velasquez and Mary Sandoval, both of Raton.

Parisi-Vitullo—In Raton, June 29, by Charles M. Bayne, J. P.; Rapel Parisi and Virginia Vitullo, both of Pueblo, Colo.

Swank-Swank—In Raton, June 30, by Charles M. Bayne, J. P.; Jerome Swank and Savina Swank, both of Trinidad.

THE WILLARD'S

IMMENSE LEAD

The Willard is showing up big and some believe the owners, A. Hedges and E. P. Westoby are running a race with Mr. Hatch trying to show up a larger mine than the Iron Mask. They have cut into the mountain where they are now working a tunnel about 150 feet and the last 15 feet they have a number of feet to go yet lead and have not yet cut through the lead, and from present indications they have a number of feet to go yet before cutting through it. The property being free milling and carrying good values in gold, the lowest assay since cutting is about \$12.40, making it a very valuable property.—Red River Prospector.

NEW WAGON ROAD SURVEYED

They have been this week surveying a line for a new wagon road to take the place of the road up Road Canyon over the hill to Elizabethtown. It is almost impossible to keep the old road passable. The new line as was surveyed leaves the Red River Canyon and follows the southwest mountain side to the top of the divide at a grade it is claimed will not exceed nine per cent. On the Elizabethtown side it will enter the present road in the canyon just below Bake Oven hill at a grade it is claimed not to exceed more than eleven per cent at any place on that side. It is reported that the new railroad will give some money toward the construction of this wagon road. The camp is in need of a better outlet to the railroad to the east and every effort in the right direction to obtain such an outlet should be made.—Red River Prospector.

NEW MATKINS BUILDING.

Mrs. Matkins, of Goldfield, Nevada, who arrived in the city last week, was not slow to see that Cimarron was one of the coming cities of the West, and has already purchased lots from the Cimarron Townsite company, and will soon start excavating for one of the finest blocks in New Mexico. We have been unable to learn the dimensions of the building, but the ground floor will contain space enough for three large store rooms, the second floor will contain a large hall to be used for dances and other amusements. The location is at the corner of Washington avenue and Ninth street, opposite the new bank building. Work on the building will be started at once, or as soon as specifications can be drawn and bids received for the construction.

RED RIVER PROSPECTOR NOTES

John Brown and son, Willie, of Aguilar arrived at Anchor the past week to do development work on the Old Timer which carries some high grade ore.

William McKean, the Taos attorney who has been in the camp on business for a few days, left for home Friday via Elizabethtown.

Loraine Rogers left for home Friday evening after a short visit with friends and attending to some personal business. Mr. Rogers is head clerk for the Copper Grocery company at Waco, Texas.

Jack Bidwell, the mining expert at Elizabethtown, was over Monday to examine the new strike on the Iron Mask. He sampled the property and will test the same.

Mrs. H. M. Letts and Miss Mary Letts of Columbus Junction, Iowa, and Miss Alice Remley of Iowa City, Iowa, who are at present visiting friends at Keohler, will spend the summer in and about Cimarron, camping among the hills and otherwise enjoying the benefits of our climate and beautiful scenery.

SEVERE RAIN AND HAIL STORM VISITS RATON

Many Basements Flooded and Other Damage Done By Terrific Shower Wednesday Afternoon—Stores and Dwellings Inundated.

From the Raton Range.

One of the most severe rainstorms that has visited this section in a long time, passed over Raton Wednesday afternoon, doing considerable damage. Rain and hail fell in torrents for about half an hour and for a while streets and ditches around town were flooded and practically impassible. The precipitation must have been several inches.

The cellars of numerous residences and basements of many business houses were flooded, some of the buildings on First street having as much as two or three feet of water in their basements. No serious damage, however, was reported. Street crossings were in bad shape for some time, sewers were clogged up with dirt and refuse and the stone wall around the residence of J. A. McIntosh, Park avenue and Sixth street, was entirely washed away. The street department under the energetic management of Councilman Henry Jones, will be kept busy for two or three weeks repairing the damage wrought to streets and sewers by the storm.

The boiler room of the Seaberg block on Park avenue was flooded with about three feet of water, necessitating the use of a pump and the services of several men all day Thursday in restoring the place to its normal condition.

The ground floor of the house at 112 North Fourth street, occupied by Mrs. L. Atkinson and family, was flooded with water to the depth of

several inches, damaging the same to such an extent that the family were obliged to move temporarily to other quarters. Mrs. Atkinson was ill in bed at the time of the storm, but suffered no serious effects as a result of the same.

The 4 o'clock train for Cimarron on the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway struck a washout a short distance from the city and was obliged to return and detour over the Santa Fe tracks to Preston, in order to get on its own line and complete the trip.

The store of the Raton Drug company in the Roth building, as well as the barber shop of Harry Skiles, on Park avenue, was also more or less damaged by the in-rush of water.

RETURNED HOME

WEDNESDAY

From the Raton Range.

Dr. Horatio Walker of Cimarron, whose marriage to Miss Sarah Noble Aitken of Newcastle, New Brunswick, took place in Trinidad, Saturday, June 15, and who have been spending a portion of their honeymoon at the Seaberg, returned to the doctor's home at Cimarron, Wednesday, making the trip in one of Sperry's autos. They were to have returned last Monday, but on hearing of a reception planned for himself and bride by his friends there, the doctor postponed his homecoming until Wednesday.

Folsom Notes.

Mrs. Ferguson, of Raton, was visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Owen this week.

Mrs. Skelton was in Trinidad Friday on a shopping trip.

Rev. Rudolph, a Presbyterian minister of Denver, was here Sunday and preached a splendid sermon both morning and evening. He came to take a little girl, Edith Williams, to the Orphans' Home in Denver. She had been with Rev. Grimmell for the

past year, but they were unable to keep her longer.

B. F. Owen spent a few days in Raton on business this week.

Dr. Holly has returned from Kansas City and will have his office over J. P. Odell's store.

Mrs. Starr and Miss Stella were guests at Mrs. Murrays Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Emery are the proud parents of a fine girl baby.

Miss Nell Moore is here from St. Joseph, Mo., to spend the summer with Miss Lucy Creighton.

INTERESTING SKETCH OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Marion Littrell an Old Resident of New Mexico and Well Known all Over the Territory—Has Taken Possession of New Office.

In view of the interest created throughout the territory by the appointment of Marion Littrell of this city as superintendent of the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe, and the fact that he has long been a well known and highly respected citizen of Raton and Colfax county, a short sketch of his interesting career will no doubt be read with interest.

Mr. Littrell came to the territory in the days of the open range when the cattle king and the sheep baron were virtual masters of all they surveyed and their live stock ranged at large. He was then about eighteen years old and has since resided continuously in this county. From cowboy he rose to be foreman of an extensive cattle ranch and figured conspicuously in the past history of the county. His official career began when he was elected sheriff. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

Mr. Littrell is a native of Arkansas, where he was born in 1855. While a young man he drifted into Texas and several years later came to New Mexico. Following his arrival here he became a ranchman and followed that business until he became sheriff. He was foreman for twelve years of the Maxwell Cattle company which ranged its cattle on the Maxwell land grant. He was first elected sheriff in the fall of 1898.

Mr. Littrell's family consists of his wife, four daughters and son. They

are well known here and have always moved in the best social circles. He is a life-long friend of Governor Curry and no doubt this fact had considerable to do with his selection by Acting Governor Reynolds.

Marion Littrell qualified Monday as superintendent of the territorial penitentiary by securing the approval of his official bond in the sum of \$10,000 by the proper authorities, whereupon he received his commission and proceeded to the penitentiary, accompanied by Assistant Superintendent R. C. Garrett.

Mr. Littrell then made demand upon the former superintendent to turn over the institution in order that he might take immediate charge. The ex-superintendent demurred to this, acting on advice of his counsel, R. H. Hanna, practically insisting on a forcible removal. The action of Mr. Trelford was immediately reported to Acting Governor Reynolds, who thereby instructed Superintendent Littrell to return to the penitentiary and demand that the building and property of the territory be turned over to him and instructed two members of the territorial mounted police to accompany him.

Finally after Mr. Trelford was forcibly ejected, according to report, the keys of the prison were turned over to Superintendent Littrell, who took possession of the penitentiary at 5 p. m. Monday.

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